

**Exhibit A**

**MAP OF PROPOSED SERVICE AREA**

**EXHIBIT B****NON-RURAL EXCHANGES FOR IMMEDIATE DESIGNATION**

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Wire Center Name</b>	<b>Wire Center Code</b>
Verizon New England, Inc.	Acton	MTMLNHWE
Verizon New England, Inc.	Alstead	ALSTNHLI
Verizon New England, Inc.	Ashland	ASLDNHHI
Verizon New England, Inc.	Barrington (partial)	BNTONHPR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Bartlett	BRTLNHGE
Verizon New England, Inc.	Bedford	BDFRNHAM
Verizon New England, Inc.	Belmont	BLMTNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Berlin	BRLNNHHE
Verizon New England, Inc.	Bethlehem	BHLHNHCR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Berwick (partial)	SMRSNHHI
Verizon New England, Inc.	Bristol	BRSTNHSP
Verizon New England, Inc.	Campton	CMTNNHOW
Verizon New England, Inc.	Campton	WVVYNHMR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Canaan	CANNNHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Canaan	WSTWNHBS
Verizon New England, Inc.	Candia (partial)	CANDNHDE
Verizon New England, Inc.	Canterbury	CNTRNHSH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Center Harbor	CNHRNHPL
Verizon New England, Inc.	Charleston	CHTWNHBR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Claremont (partial)	CLMTNHBR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Concord	CNCRNHSH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Conway	CNWNHNYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Crossipee	CNOSNHFO

Verizon New England, Inc.	Ctrsandwih	MLBONHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Ctrsandwih	CNSWNHSL
Verizon New England, Inc.	Danbury	DNBRNHDB
Verizon New England, Inc.	Dover/Eliot	DOVRNHHTH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Dublin	DBLNNHMO
Verizon New England, Inc.	Durham	DRHMNHMC
Verizon New England, Inc.	Enfield	ENFDNHNM
Verizon New England, Inc.	Epping (partial)	EPNGNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Epsom	EPSMNHBH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Farmington	FRTNNHMG
Verizon New England, Inc.	Fitzwilliam	FTZWNHUT
Verizon New England, Inc.	Franconia	FRNCNHWH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Franklin	FKLNNHFR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Glendale	GLDLNHAB
Verizon New England, Inc.	Goffstown	GFTWNHWH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Gorham (partial)	GRHMNHHLA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Greenfield	GNFDNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Greenville	GNVLNHAD
Verizon New England, Inc.	Groveton (partial)	GVTNNHST
Verizon New England, Inc.	Hancock	HNCCNHSC
Verizon New England, Inc.	Hanover (partial)	HNVRNHSC
Verizon New England, Inc.	Harrisville	HRVLNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Hinsdale	HNDLNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Jackson	JCSNNHHTH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Jaffrey	JFRYNHRI
Verizon New England, Inc.	Jefferson	JFSNNHYA

Verizon New England, Inc.	Keene	KEENNHWA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Kittery (partial)	PTMONHIS
Verizon New England, Inc.	Laconia	LACNNHNM
Verizon New England, Inc.	Laconia	WERSNHST
Verizon New England, Inc.	Lancaster	LNCSNHHI
Verizon New England, Inc.	Lebanon	LBNNNHBA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Lemington	CLBKNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Lisbon	LSBNNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Littleton	LTTNNHPL
Verizon New England, Inc.	Lyme (partial)	LYMENHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Madison	MDSNNHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Manchester (partial)	MNCHNHCO
Verizon New England, Inc.	Marlborough	MRBONHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Marlow	MRLWNHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Meredith	MRDTNHWA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Merrimack	MRMCNHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Milan (partial)	MILNNHPL
Verizon New England, Inc.	Milford	MLFRNHSD
Verizon New England, Inc.	Milton Mall	MTMLNHWE
Verizon New England, Inc.	Monroe (partial)	BARNVTCH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Nashua	NASHNHGR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Nashua	NASHNHWP
Verizon New England, Inc.	New Boston	NBTNNHHP
Verizon New England, Inc.	New Market (partial)	NWMRNHGE
Verizon New England, Inc.	Newport	NWPTNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	North Conway	NCWYNHKE

Verizon New England, Inc.	North Haverhill	NHHLNHDL
Verizon New England, Inc.	North Lebanon (partial)	
Verizon New England, Inc.	North Stratford (partial)	NSFRNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	North Walpole (partial)	BLFLVTHE
Verizon New England, Inc.	North Woodstock	NWDSNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Orford (partial)	FARLVTML
Verizon New England, Inc.	Pelham	PLHMNHBR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Penacook	PNCKNHCH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Peterborough	PTRBNHCO
Verizon New England, Inc.	Piermont (partial)	BRFRVTPG
Verizon New England, Inc.	Pike	PIKENHPI
Verizon New England, Inc.	Pittsburg (partial)	PSBGNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Pittsfield	PTFDNHBR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Plainfield (partial)	PLFDVTYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Plymouth	PLMONHLH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Rindge	RNDGNHCE
Verizon New England, Inc.	Rochester/So. Lebanon (partial)	ROCHNHWE
Verizon New England, Inc.	Rumney	RMNYNHSL
Verizon New England, Inc.	Sanbornville	SBVLNHCS
Verizon New England, Inc.	Spofford	SPFRNHMS
Verizon New England, Inc.	Sullivan	SLLVNHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Sunapee	SUNPNHMC
Verizon New England, Inc.	Suncook	SNCKNHPA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Tamworth	TMWONHWH
Verizon New England, Inc.	Tilton	TLTNNHPR
Verizon New England, Inc.	Troy	TROYNHPR

Verizon New England, Inc.	Twin Mount	TWMTNHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Walpole (partial)	WLPLNHWP
Verizon New England, Inc.	Warren	WRRNNHMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Wstewatstn	WSTWNHBS
Verizon New England, Inc.	Weathersfield	WNDSVTPI
Verizon New England, Inc.	Weirs	WERSNHST
Verizon New England, Inc.	Wellsriver	WDVLNHJL
Verizon New England, Inc.	Westmoreland	WMLDNHWE
Verizon New England, Inc.	West Chesterfield (partial)	BRBOVTMA
Verizon New England, Inc.	West Lebanon (partial)	MLTNNHSI
Verizon New England, Inc.	White River Junction	WRJTVTGA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Whitefield	WHFDNHPL
Verizon New England, Inc.	Winchester	WNCHNHMI
Verizon New England, Inc.	Wilson's Mill (partial)	ERRLNHYA
Verizon New England, Inc.	Wolfeboro	WLBONHGS
Verizon New England, Inc.	Woodsville (partial)	NHHLNHDM

**EXHIBIT C**

**SERVICE AREAS RCC MINNESOTA, INC. COVERS COMPLETELY FOR  
IMMEDIATE ETC DESIGNATION**

Bretton Wood Telephone Company

Wire Center(s):  
Bretton Woods

Dixville Telephone Company

Wire Center(s):  
Dixville Ntch

Dunbarton Telephone Company

Wire Center(s):  
Dunbarton

Hollis Telephone Company

Wire Center(s):  
Hollis

Kearsarge Telephone Company

Wire Center(s):  
Andover  
Boscawen  
Chichester  
Meriden  
New London  
Salisbury

Merrimack County Telephone Company d/b/a Contoocook Valley

Wire Center(s):

Antrim  
Henniker  
Hillsboro  
Melvin Village

Merrimack County Telephone Company

Wire Center(s):  
Bradford  
Contoocook  
Sutton  
Warner

Union Telephone Company - New Hampshire

Wire Center(s):  
Alton  
Barnstead  
Center Barnstead  
Gltnirwrs  
New Durham

Wilton Telephone Company

Wire Center(s):  
Wilton



**EXHIBIT D****RURAL SERVICE AREAS REQUIRING RECLASSIFICATION ALONG WIRE  
CENTER BOUNDARIES**

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Wire Center Name</b>	<b>Wire Center Code</b>	<b>Served Y/N</b>	<b>Partial/Entire</b>
Granite State Telephone, Inc.	Hillsburg Village	HUVGNHXA	Y	Entire
Granite State Telephone, Inc.	Chester	CHESNHXA	N	
Granite State Telephone, Inc.	Weare	WEARNHXA	Y	Entire
Granite State Telephone, Inc.	Washington	WASHNHXA	Y	Entire
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Fryeburg	FRBGMEXA	Y	Partial
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	North Fryeburg	NFBGMEXA	Y	Partial
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Brooks	BRKSMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Eagle Lake	EGLKMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Freedom	FRDMMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Fort Kent	FTKNMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Island Falls	ISFLMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Kingman	KGMNMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Morrill	LBRTMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Lee	LEE MEXA	N	

Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Lovell	LVLLMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Mattawmkeg	MTWMMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	North Lovell	NLVLMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Patten	PATNMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Palermo	PLRMMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Sherman Mill	SHMLMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Smyrna Mill	SMMLMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	St. Francis	STFNMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Stockton Spring	STSPMEXA	N	
Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc.	Washington	WASHMEXA	N	

**Exhibit E**

**DECLARATION**

## DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, Elizabeth L. Kohler, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am the Vice President, Legal Services for Rural Cellular Corporation, the parent company of affiliates RCC Minnesota, Inc. and RCC Atlantic, Inc. (collectively, "Rural Cellular")

2. This Affidavit is submitted in support of Rural Cellular's Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC").

3. Rural Cellular currently provides cellular service in the Personal Communications Service carrier in the Manchester-Nashua-Concord, NH Basic Trading Area, as the Cellular Radiotelephone Service ("CRS") provider in Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester, New Hampshire-Maine New England Cellular Market Area, and as the CRS provider in New Hampshire Rural Service Area 1 - Coos, New Hampshire.

4. As a carrier not subject to state commission jurisdiction in the State of New Hampshire Rural Cellular is seeking designation as an ETC under Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(6).

5. Rural Cellular meets the criteria for ETC designation as explained herein.

6. Rural Cellular is a "common carrier" for purposes of obtaining ETC designation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1). A "common carrier" is generally defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(10) as a person engaged as a common carrier on a for-hire basis in interstate communications by wire or radio. Section 20.9(a)7 of the Commission's Rules provide that cellular service is a common carrier service. See 47 C.F.R. § 20.9(a)(7).

7. Rural Cellular currently offers and is able to provide, within its designated service areas, the services and functionalities identified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a). Each of these services and functionalities is discussed more fully below.

a. Voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network. The FCC concluded that voice-grade access means the ability to make and receive phone calls, within a bandwidth of approximately 2700 Hz within the 300 to 3000 Hz frequency range. See *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, First Report and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 8810-11 (1997) ("*Universal Service Order*"). Rural Cellular meets this requirement by providing voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network. Through its interconnection arrangements with local telephone companies, all customers of Rural Cellular are able to make and receive calls on the public switched telephone network within the specified bandwidth.

b. Local Usage. Beyond providing access to the public switched network, an ETC must include local usage as part of a universal service offering. To date, the FCC has not quantified a minimum amount of local usage required to be included in a

universal service offering, but has initiated a separate proceeding to address this issue. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 13 FCC Rcd 21252 (1998) (“October 1998 NPRM”). As it relates to local usage, the NPRM sought comments on a definition of the public service package that must be offered by all ETCs. Specifically, the FCC sought comments on how much, *if any*, local usage should be required to be provided to customers as part of a universal service offering. *October 1998 NPRM*, 13 FCC Rcd at 21277-21281. In the *Universal Service Order*, the FCC deferred a determination on the amount of local usage that a carrier would be required to provide. *Universal Service Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 8813. Any minimum local usage requirement established by the FCC as a result of the *October 1998 NPRM* will be applicable to all designated ETCs, not simply wireless service providers. Rural Cellular will comply with any and all minimum local usage requirements adopted by the FCC. Rural Cellular will meet the local usage requirements by including local usage as part of a universal service offering.

c. Dual-tone, multi-frequency (“DTMF”) signaling, or its functional equivalent. DTMF is a method of signaling that facilitates the transportation of call set-up and call detail information. Consistent with the principles of competitive and technological neutrality, the FCC permits carriers to provide signaling that is functionally equivalent to DTMF in satisfaction of this service requirement. 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a)(3). Rural Cellular currently uses out-of-band digital signaling and in-band multi-frequency (“MF”) signaling that is functionally equivalent to DTMF signaling. Rural Cellular therefore meets the requirement to provide DTMF signaling or its functional equivalent.

d. Single-party service or its functional equivalent. “Single-party service” means that only one party will be served by a subscriber loop or access line in contrast to a multi-party line. *Universal Service Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 8810. The FCC concluded that a wireless provider offers the equivalent of single-party service when it offers a dedicated message path for the length of a user’s particular transmission. *Id.* Rural Cellular meets the requirement of single-party service by providing a dedicated message path for the length of all customer calls.

e. Access to emergency services. The ability to reach a public emergency service provider by dialing 911 is a required service in any universal service offering. Enhanced 911 or E911, which includes the capability of providing both automatic numbering information (“ANI”) and automatic location information (“ALI”), is only required if a public emergency service provider makes arrangements with the local provider for the delivery of such information. *See id.* at 8815-17. Rural Cellular currently provides all of its customers with access to emergency service by dialing 911 in satisfaction of this requirement. Rural Cellular will comply with all Phase II E-911 requirements.

f. Access to operator services. Access to operator services is defined as any automatic or live assistance provided to a consumer to arrange for the billing or completion, or both, of a telephone call. *Id.* at 8817-18. Rural Cellular meets this

requirement by providing all of its customers with access to operator services provided by either the Company or other entities (e.g., LECs, IXC's, etc.)

g. Access to interexchange service. A universal service provider must offer consumers access to interexchange service to make and receive toll or interexchange calls. Equal access, however, is not required. "The FCC do[es] not include equal access to interexchange service among the services supported by universal service mechanisms." *Id.* at 8819. Rural Cellular presently meets this requirement by providing all of its customers with the ability to make and receive interexchange or toll calls through direct interconnection arrangements the Company has with several IXC's. Additionally, customers are able to reach their IXC of choice by dialing the appropriate access code.

h. Access to directory assistance. The ability to place a call to directory assistance is a required service offering. *Id.* at 8821. Rural Cellular meets this requirement by providing all of its customers with access to directory assistance by dialing "411" or "555-1212".

i. Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers. An ETC must offer either "toll control" or "toll blocking" services to qualifying Lifeline customers at no charge. The FCC no longer requires an ETC to provide both services as part of the toll limitation service required under 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a)(9). *See Universal Service Fourth Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 97-420 (Dec. 30, 1997). In particular, all ETC's must provide toll blocking, which allows customers to block the completion of outgoing toll calls. *Universal Service Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 8821-22. Rural Cellular currently has no Lifeline customers in New Hampshire because only carriers designated as an ETC can participate in Lifeline. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.400-415. Once designated as an ETC, Rural Cellular will participate in Lifeline as required, and will provide its current toll blocking capabilities in satisfaction of the FCC's requirement. Today, the Company provides toll-blocking services for all international calls and toll blocking for selected customers. Accordingly, Rural Cellular currently has the technology to provide toll blocking and will use this technology to provide the service to its Lifeline customers, at no charge, as part of its universal service offerings.

8. Rural Cellular will provide the supported services using its existing network infrastructure, which includes the same antenna, cell-site, tower, trunking, mobile switching, and interconnection facilities used by the company to serve its existing conventional mobile cellular service customers.

9. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Executed

on March 11, 2004.



Elizabeth L. Kohler, Vice President, Legal Services  
Rural Cellular Corporation

**Exhibit F**

**HIGH-COST CERTIFICATION LETTER**

March 11, 2004

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

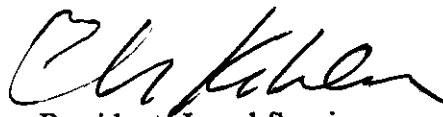
**Re: RCC Minnesota, Inc.  
RCC Atlantic, Inc.  
High-Cost Certification**

To the Commission:

RCC Minnesota, Inc. and RCC Atlantic, Inc. (collectively, "Rural Cellular" and/or "Company") has submitted a Petition for ETC designation in the State of New Hampshire as required by Sections 54.313(b) and 54.314(b) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313(b), 54.313(b), Rural Cellular hereby submits the certification below in order to begin receiving high-cost support in its designated ETC area.

Accordingly, as Vice President, Legal Services of Rural Cellular, I hereby certify on behalf of the company and under penalty of perjury that all high-cost support provided to the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). I also certify that I am authorized to make this certification on the company's behalf.

Elizabeth L. Kohler



Vice President, Legal Services

Date 3-11-04

**SUBSCRIBED, SWORN AND ACKNOWLEDGED** before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: Feb. 10, 2007



**Exhibit G**

**ANTI-DRUG ABUSE CERTIFICATION**

### **DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

I, Elizabeth L. Kohler, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am the Vice President, Legal Services of Rural Cellular Corporation, parent of RCC Minnesota, Inc. and RCC Atlantic, Inc. (collectively, "Petitioner").
2. To the best of my knowledge, the Petitioner referred to in the foregoing Petition, including all officers, directors, or persons holding 5% or more of the outstanding stock or shares (voting and/or non voting) of the applicant as specified in 1.2002(b) of the Commission's rules are not subject to a denial of federal benefits, including FCC benefits, pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §862.
3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 11, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth L. Kohler', written over a horizontal line.

Elizabeth L. Kohler, Vice President, Legal Services  
Rural Cellular Corporation